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Applicant: Patrick J. Fitzgibbons, et al.
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-12 and 15 are currently pending in this application. To further the prosecution of this application, each of the rejections in the Office Action is discussed below and the application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Initially, Applicant thanks Examiner Hageman for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of March 16, 2007 with Applicant's representative Scott J. Gerwin (Reg. No. 57,866). The substance of the interview is summarized herein.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by Morikawa. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.